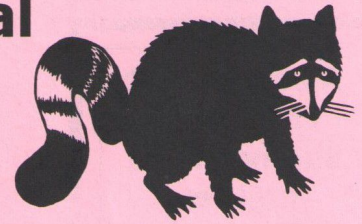


**A baby's best  
chance for  
survival is its  
mother.**

# I Found a Baby Mammal *Now What?*



**Is baby animal hurt or sick**  
(bleeding, shivering, vomiting;  
was attacked by cat/dog)?

No

Yes

*Can you find the nest or  
den? Is it intact?*

Yes

No

**Place baby in  
nest/den.**

**Place baby in  
shallow box close  
to where it was  
found.** Keep it  
warm but out of the  
sun.

**Watch for the mother  
for 4-6 hours.** Stay  
completely out of sight.  
Mothers won't return if  
any people or pets are  
present.

**Did the mother return?**

Yes

No

**Leave the area.**  
Baby is okay.

**Call a wildlife  
rehabilitator.**

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**To find a wildlife  
rehabilitator in your area,  
contact:**

- Your State wildlife agency
- Humane Society
- Audubon Society
- wild bird stores
- city animal control officer
- veterinarian (wildlife/exotic)
- Coast Guard or Marine Patrol
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

**Unable to reach a rehabilitator?**

Call your state wildlife agency or a  
wildlife veterinarian.

If you're unable to reach any of  
the above, see instructions on  
back of this page: **"How to  
Rescue Baby Mammals."**

**If you find baby bunnies:**

-If their nest has been damaged, it can be repaired. Look for a shallow depression lined with grass/fur. Place babies in nest with light layers of grass to hide them. Leave the area, or the mother won't return. (Mothers return only at dawn & dusk.)  
-If you find healthy bunnies that are 4-5 inches long, able to hop, with eyes open and ears up, they do not need help. They are able to survive on their own. **Leave them alone.** Questions? Call a wildlife rehabilitator.

**If you find a fawn:**

-Mothers normally leave their babies to feed.  
-If baby looks cold, hungry, diseased, or confused, or if dogs, other animals, or people threaten its safety, **call a wildlife rehabilitator** or park ranger.  
-Otherwise, **leave the baby alone** and leave the area. The mother will not return if people or pets are present.

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